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Chairman Hundt,

As a parent with children in the Kyrene Monte Vista Elementary School in the Kyrene School District, I support the discount plan of the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board. This would, I understand, provide a special discounted rate to all school districts across the country for such things as inside connections to classrooms and access to Internet. This would include the installation and maintenance costs for Internet access as well. This plan would allow schools with money an opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities.

I strongly support this issue, and urge you to support it also. The discounts are vital, especially with funds being so scarce to so many school districts today. Thank you very much!



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Dennis P. Lambes  
Superintendent of Schools

April 1, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW, Room 814  
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

As the Superintendent of the Northwest Local School District in Ohio, I appreciate the efforts of all concerned to include telecommunication discounts for schools and libraries in the Telecommunications Act of 1996. This discount plan would benefit all schools and create the opportunity for every child to access the Internet. In addition, schools could more readily provide distance-learning. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital.

In our district, dollars saved could be used for critical teacher training in technology and to continue to upgrade our technology program.

I strongly encourage the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service to schools and libraries.

Thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Internet.

Sincerely,

Dennis P. Lambes  
Superintendent

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
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Dear Commissioner Hundt,

I am a Teacher Trainer from the Chicago Public Schools and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest school will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and be able to provide its students distance learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of the 21st Century.

Our schools need the deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. In Chicago, schools can be charged as much as \$375/mo. for a T1 line, (even during the summer months when school is not in session). This puts extreme pressure on a school's limited resources. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for affordable universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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The Woodlands High School

Walter Day  
Principal

April 3, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
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RE: CC Docket NO. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Hundt:

We, as librarians at The Woodlands High School in the Conroe Independent School District, want to thank you for your dedication to ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the same opportunity as richer schools do to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. This \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of our schools, and importantly, this plan will bring these services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of the internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing our young people to compete in the workplace of tomorrow.

We urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount for universal service for schools and libraries.

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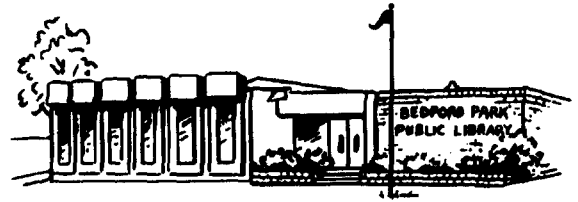
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Re: CC Docket 96-45 -  
Universal Service to Libraries & Schools

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing in strong support of the meaningful discounts for libraries and schools as envisioned by the Federal-State Joint Board in their Recommended Rules published last November.

The Recommended Rules allow libraries and schools significant discounts for the telecommunications and critical, non-telecommunications services necessary to assure that all of our public libraries and schools are connected to the Internet and other on-line resources that are critical to live, learn and work in an increasingly information-driven world.

Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with the clear intent of insuring that libraries and schools would be able to access the latest technology. By allowing significant discounts on telecommunications services, local wiring and Internet access, the Joint Board has accurately recognized the needs of poorer schools and libraries that cannot afford the internal wiring necessary to connect with the Internet. By allowing telecommunications companies and non-telco carriers to compete for the discounts, the Joint Board has also recognized the need for diverse technologies to serve the diverse urban and rural areas of the State.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter for our libraries and schools -- and -- ultimately for us all, as a better educated community benefits everyone. Please do not hesitate to call if we can be of any further assistance.

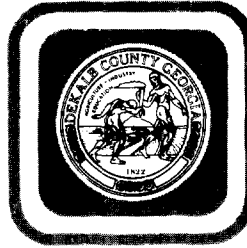
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

In my role as superintendent of the largest school system in Georgia with over 90,000 students, I am challenged to provide an education which increases the academic achievement of each student. This challenge is becoming more expensive annually as we strive to educate a growing student population reflective of a cultural diversity and poverty. The local school system budget is reaching the constitutional limit provided for local taxation. Technology has exacerbated this financial problem due to the need for networking, data warehousing, relational data bases, training, maintenance, distance learning and classroom computer based curriculum.

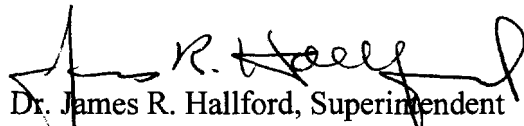
The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan promise the opportunity to connect each school to the Internet and provide for distance learning at more affordable cost.

I realize that corporate representatives have not stated opposition to affordable services for schools, but their actions speak to the universal service portion of the law to favor different segments of this shifting telecommunications industry. However, the need for schools to be considered for the E-rate should not be compromised in favor of commercial advantage to the industry.

We face a shrinking tax base and increased costs to educate a more difficult to instruct student population. This E-rate would serve to provide the telecommunication needs in the classroom and better prepare our students for the work force and a quality life.

Thank you for considering this request to expand the E-rate for universal service in schools and libraries.

Sincerely,



Dr. James R. Hallford, Superintendent  
DeKalb County School System

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cc: Rachelle B. Chong  
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Dr. Thomas F. Wilson, Principal

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Mr. Reed Hundt, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

As an educator of some 33 years working with college and high school age students, I have devoted my career to helping young people develop skills that are appropriate for the marketplace of their generation. That is why it is so urgent for you to approve the President's proposal to establish deep discounts in telecommunications costs for schools and libraries across this country. Most schools are able to use telecommunications technologies, and virtually every school is anxious to help young people learn skills involving these technologies to prepare them for employment in a technological society.

However, **very few** schools can afford the telecommunications costs associated with such an endeavor. Please don't allow our nation's schools to become the "poor kids" once again. Please enable schools, students, and our future leaders to have discounted "e-rate" access to those technologies they must master in their lifetime!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas F. Wilson", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Thomas F. Wilson  
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**RE: CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Chairman Hundt:

As the Executive Director for Area Cooperative Educational Services, I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide long distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year from the Universal Service Fund will address the needs of all our schools. More importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. I also see this plan as essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Sincerely,

Peter C. Young  
Executive Director

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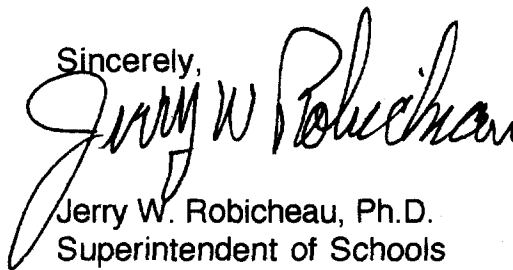
I am a superintendent in Independent School District #564, Thief River Falls, Minnesota, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and, more importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our discounts would allow us to greatly expand our curriculum offerings and provide a connectiveness to a broader scope of this world. Our students need deep discounts for telecommunication services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Jerry W. Robicheau, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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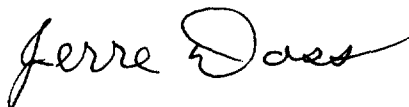
Dear Chairman:

I am a Superintendent of Limon Public Schools. I would like to thank you for all the effort and dedication that you have given in your efforts to assure all schools affordable access to the information highway. The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The Limon School District is currently networking all buildings.

We are anxious to provide Internet access to every classroom in the district. We are a rural school district and do not have the research capabilities for our students that metro-area schools do. Through the Internet access, we can remain competitive for our students into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Our students deserve equal opportunities in education. Deep discounts for telecommunications is strongly needed for us to be able to afford the programs we have planned. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

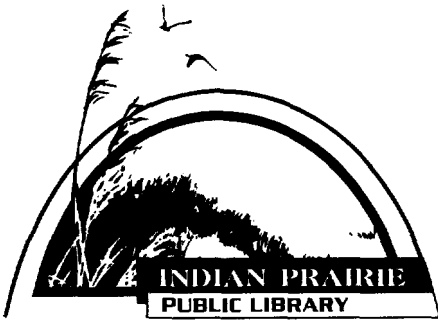
Sincerely,



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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing concerning CC Docket 96-45—Universal Service to Libraries and Schools. I urge you to support the discounts for libraries and schools as envisioned by the Federal-State Joint Board in their Recommended Rules published last November.

The Recommended Rules allow libraries and schools significant discounts for the telecommunications and critical, non-telecommunications services (wiring, cabling and installation) necessary to assure that all of our public libraries and schools are connected to the Internet and other online resources that are critical to our increasingly information-driven world.

Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1997 with the clear intent of insuring that libraries and schools (whether in areas of poverty or middle class) would be able to access the latest technology. As a trustee of a public library whose income has been restricted by the tax cap, I can assure you that libraries will need sizable discounts on telecommunication services, local wiring and Internet access in order to bring Internet access to the general public. By allowing telecommunications companies and non-telco carriers to compete for the discounts, the Joint Board has also recognized the need for diverse technologies to serve our multicultural urban area as well as the rural area within our state.

Thank you for your attention to this matter of prime importance to libraries and schools. This ultimately will serve us all, as a better educated community benefits everyone. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

*Mary T. Kelly*

Mary T. Kelly, President  
Indian Prairie Public Library Board of Trustees

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt,

I am the Superintendent of Schools for Spring Hill Unified School District No. 230 in Spring Hill, Kansas. I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and more importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our district has been using grant funds to equip classrooms and labs with up-to-date computer equipment. Now we need help to allow our students to learn and communicate globally.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

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Barton L. Goering, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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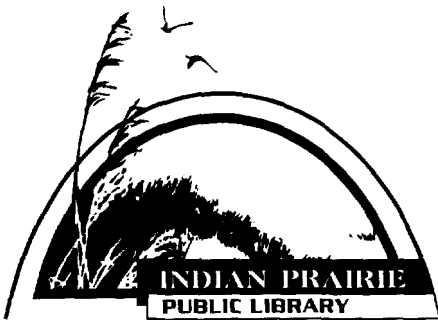


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Thank you for your attention to this matter of prime importance to libraries and schools. This ultimately will serve us all, as a better educated community benefits everyone. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Theresa R. Noose, Legislative Liaison  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

As the Assistant Superintendent of this district that supervises the expansion of technology in our public schools, I am extremely interested in the Telecommunications Act that will guarantee school districts large discounts for the costs of these services

As you know, this type of technology is expensive, both for the wiring and the Internet services. While we are not unique, this district is hard pressed to meet present financial obligations. We must sell bonds in order to fund purchases of computers and other hardware. The installation and monthly charges are beyond our capacity to pay.

Our students need access to the Internet and all of the information that it holds. Please support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal services for schools.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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James F. Reames, Jr.

Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

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# Lial School

**From: Sister Margaret Mary**

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**Re: E-rate**

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street NW, Room 814  
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CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing you in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act last year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

Without discounts on internal wiring and Internet access, our school will not be able to afford these services. Catholic School are excluded from most local and state funded initiatives for the purchase of technology hardware leaving us significantly disadvantaged.

Integrating technology into the curriculum requires advanced telecommunications services and access for all classrooms. Our school's technology plan encompasses far-reaching dreams as well as clear action steps to obtain what is best for our students. Funding for technology is critical for the full development of these children.

I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. I also strongly urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely,



Sister Margaret Mary Faist, SND  
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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Hundt;

We believe that the adoption of some of the Joint Board's recommendations concerning universal service support would kill incentive for investment in rural telephone infrastructure and would severely damage economic development in rural Virginia and, indeed, rural America. Thus we urge you to lead your Commission to adopt a plan which would give some incentive to rural development.

Yours very truly,

E. B. Fitzgerald, III

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Dear Honorable Hundt:

I am the superintendent of U.S.D. #481, Hope, Kansas. My district is one of several small enrollment schools in Kansas. Presently we have 432 F.T.E. enrollment. I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and consortia, regardless of size, will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Join Board decision will guarantee that all schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet.

Our students need the communication services, with a needed discount this type of service will take place. I urge the FCC to support the discount plan for public schools.

Sincerely,



Gerald D. McClure

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# Milford Public Schools

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

As the superintendent of the Milford Public Schools, Milford, Nebraska, I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that school districts will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

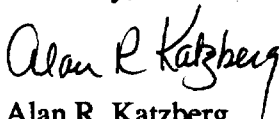
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The Milford School District is scheduled to implement distance-learning in 1998-99. Hopefully, we will receive some financial assistance with start-up costs through local and state grants, however, the cost of operating the system must also be considered. The Telecommunications Act will help keep this cost at a reasonable rate.

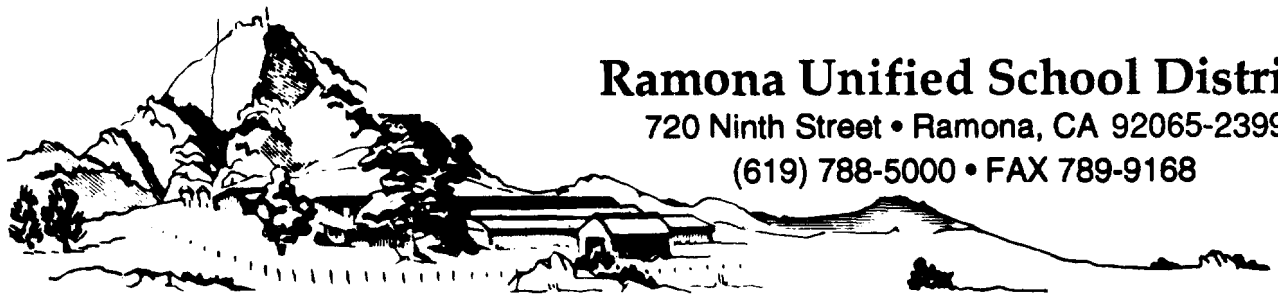
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Alan R. Katzberg  
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Our students need deep discounts for telecommunication services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judith Endeman, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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This Joint Board recommendation would **freeze** federal universal service support, which is essential for maintaining affordable telephone rates, at past investment levels on a per line basis for rural telephone companies. This freeze would chill any incentive for companies such as ours, to invest in new infrastructure and would cause damage to economic development in our area.

The Joint Board recommendation would also cut off support for most business lines and all second residences. This cut off would mean an immediate and significant decrease in the amount of universal service support these consumers' lines receive. Negative consequences of this proposal include:

Significantly higher cost of Internet usage for rural households and businesses that use a second line for this connection.

Increased prices for telecommunications services, that are important for businesses to stay or locate in our area.

Administrative nightmares with regards which lines are supported versus unsupported.

It is essential that the FCC encourage investment in, and maintain affordable access to modern telecommunications services for all, not just the high end users. Your support for a fair universal service transition plan for rural telephone companies and consumers is vital.

Sincerely,

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I am superintendent of Lexington School District Two and I would like to thank you for your efforts to ensure that all school districts will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

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The savings from the discounts would allow the district to purchase additional computer technology and instructional software. This will allow more effective use of the Internet for all of our students.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joe Bonds  
Superintendent

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